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By Courier Service

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to my communication dated October 15, 1964, and to your letter of September 10, 1964, concerning the interviews of Commission members and staff regarding alleged leaks of the Oswald diary, the Ruby Polygraph transcript and the Ruby testimony.

Concerning the documents subjected to Laboratory examination in connection with this matter, the following findings are set forth for your information.

Of the copies of Ruby's testimony submitted, it was concluded that the following were not used to reproduce the facsimile of page 103 appearing in the August 18, 1964, issue of the New York Journal-American.

Copy number five of the "Ward and Paul" copies obtained from Congressman Ford's Office

Copy obtained from Mr. Redlich's Office

Copy obtained from Senator Russell's Office

Copy obtained from Mr. Willens's Office

Original transcript of Ruby's testimony

Because of the effects of retouching on the newspaper facsimile and the effects of the process of newspaper reproduction, it was not possible to make a definite determination in any of the following instances:

Copies numbered one through four of the "Ward and Paul" copies

Copy obtained from Mr. Tonahill

However, some characteristics in the Journal-American facsimile appear also in the above five copies.

The impressions of the word "CONFIDENTIAL" in red on the pages of the "Ward and Paul" copies were not printed in the manner of the impressions of the word "CONFIDENTIAL" in red on the sample pages obtained from the Ward and Paul firm.

The impressions of the word "CONFIDENTIAL" in red on the pages of the "Ward and Paul" copies of Ruby's testimony were printed by an offset printing process, whereas the impressions of the word "CONFIDENTIAL" in red on the sample pages furnished by the Ward and Paul firm were printed by a letterpress printing method.

The word "CONFIDENTIAL" in red on the covers of the five "Ward and Paul" copies of Ruby's testimony contains characteristics of rubber stamp impressions. It was found, however, that these were not made from the type used to print the word "CONFIDENTIAL" on the sample pages furnished by the Ward and Paul firm or from the two rubber stamps furnished by the President's Commission.

The impression of the word "CONFIDENTIAL" at the bottom of the facsimile reproduction of page 103 appearing in the Journal-American contains some characteristics in common with the impressic in red of the word "CONFIDENTIAL" at the bottom of page 103 of each of the "Ward and Paul" copies and the word "CONFIDENTIAL" appearing in black on page 103 of the transcript furnished by Mr. Tonahill.

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Examination of the knots of the ribbons binding the pages of each of the five "Ward and Paul" copies of Ruby's testimony revealed no conclusive evidence that any had been untied and retied. The ribbon of copy number four shows more fraying of the ends than do the others. The pages of copy number three reveal that they have been subjected to much more handling than do the pages of any of the other copies.

The evidence examined will be returned separately.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover